

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 597
By Rochelle

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Theodore Roosevelt
Armstrong of Wilson County.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Theodore Roosevelt Armstrong on February 8, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Armstrong was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, he will be remembered as a part-time minister and devout Christian who always found time to give help and advice to family members or anyone else who was in need of support; and

WHEREAS, born in Wilson County on August 29, 1905, Theodore Roosevelt Armstrong was named after President Theodore Roosevelt; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Armstrong was the son of proud parents Rena Harvey Armstrong and Gideon Monroe Armstrong, a highly regarded school teacher; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, Theodore Armstrong married the former Elizabeth Virginia Jennings, and the couple's happy union produced two delightful children, Ruth and Dorothy; and

WHEREAS, from 1925 to 1973, Theodore Roosevelt Armstrong delivered mail in Wilson County, first on a horse, later with a horse and buggy and finally by car; and

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WHEREAS, Theodore was an active and devout member of the Statesville United Methodist Church, of which he was a cherished member for many years; and

WHEREAS, Theodore Armstrong was the proud parent of Ruth Armstrong O'Neal Phillips and Dorothy Armstrong Jennings; and grandfather of Darnelle O'Neal Brown, Lynn O'Neal and Dianne Rollins Gaddes; and

WHEREAS, he was also the devoted great-grandfather of Emily Ruth O'Neal, Tracy Elizabeth O'Neal Mears Crawley, Jeanna Kaye Brown Caplinger and Jason Lynn Brown and the great-great grandfather of Dustin Lynn Mears and Kayna Elizabeth Caplinger; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Theodore Armstrong leaves behind will be long remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean, who like his namesake lived the examined life; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Theodore Roosevelt Armstrong, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Theodore Armstrong.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.